



## **PROGRESS REPORT NO. 82**

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**RE:** Upper Columbia River (UCR) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study  
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Pursuant to Paragraph 39 of the June 2, 2006 Settlement Agreement (Agreement), the following is intended to provide a summary of activities completed during the past month in compliance with the aforementioned Agreement. It is also intended to provide a brief summary of pending and on-going activities.

Production and distribution of the final EPA-approved Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the Phase 2 Sediment Study was completed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2013. At the time of writing, applications/requests for permits and/or permission to conduct sediment sampling activities as outlined within the aforementioned QAPP have been submitted to the Spokane Tribe of Indians and the Government of Canada. Similar requests will be completed for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the National Park Service in the coming month. TAI is working with the field sampling team (URS Corporation) to finalize a detailed sampling schedule. Consistent with the QAPP field sampling activities would begin following the Labor Day long weekend. Upon finalizing the aforementioned detailed schedule, copies will be made available to EPA.

A draft final beach data summary report was made available via the secure domain of the project website for review and comment on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, with hard copies to follow. TAI continues to revise the draft final surface water data summary report per EPA's comments. This report will be submitted in May. TAI is evaluating elements of EPA's soil level of effort paper in the preparation of a draft soils QAPP. Consistent with recent discussions, TAI is working towards submitting a draft soils QAPP this year with the primary goal of completing this draft deliverable prior to 2013 Phase 2 sediment sampling activities.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 509-623-4585.